

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)

23814-A USA

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,367,613, granted April 9, 2002and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled BELT CLEANING SPROCKET

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.☐ was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____
and was amended _____
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

Reissue of the present application is requested because U.S. Patent No. 6,367,613 (the '613 patent) is partially inoperative in that it provides a scope of protection that is not as great as the broad scope of the invention. More particularly, the '613 patent, as issued, contains a single independent claim (Claim 14) directed to a sprocket. Claim 14 defines a sprocket having an elongated body with an outer surface "following a cylindrical path upon rotation of said elongated body relative to said supports". The present invention, in its broad aspects, does not necessarily require that the sprocket have an outer surface that follows such a cylindrical path as required by Claim 14. Accordingly, the '613 patent is partially inoperative in that it fails to contain sprocket claims directed to the broadest aspects of the present invention. The present reissue application corrects this error by presenting new sprocket claims that do not include the requirement of Claim 14 for an outer surface which follows a cylindrical path upon rotation of said elongated body relative to the supports.

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this

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